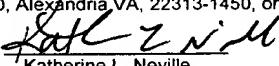


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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is submitted in response to a Final Office Action, mailed July 19, 2004 in the above-mentioned application, wherein pending claims 18 and 21-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for assertedly lacking utility and under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for assertedly not being described by the specification.

Applicant submits herewith a check in the amount of \$1520 to cover the fees for a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal (also enclosed). The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees from Marshall, Gerstein and Borun LLP account number 13-2855.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are identified on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.